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# THE CONTINUATION OF OUR WEEKLY

Intelligence since the 22. of this  
present moneth, to the 29.

*The second Part.*

*Containing many notable and very remarkable passages, &  
mongst the rest, you shall finde these,*

\* The strange and v unexpected reduction of the City of  
*Prage* in *Bohemia*, to its ancient liberty and freedom,  
from the cruell tyranny of the *Imperialists*, vnder the  
Command of that suparlatiue bloudy tyrant the D.  
of *Freedland*, and others, together with the like free-  
dome begun over the whole Kingdome, by a gene-  
rall revolt and club Law in all parts, where they doe  
but meete with any *Imperialists*.

The taking whereof ( with Gods assistance ) was perfor-  
med by the old Count of *Thorne*, and other *Bohemi-  
an* banished Lords, Commanders of some *Swedish*  
and *Saxon* forces and other, the poore oppressed Na-  
tiues entertaining this occasion as sent them from  
God, &c.

The great preparation of the B. of *Collen*, the Arch-duke  
*Leopaldus*, the Duke of *Bavaria*, and other Leagers, to  
to joyne with the *Imperiall* scattered troopes, ( for  
now there is no distinction ) to recover if it may be  
( that by multitude, ) what small and weake meanes  
hath taken from them.

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## The Continuation of our Weekly NEWES.

From Prague the 4. of November, 1631.



His Citie is every where exceedingly fortified, and amended. Great feare also is conceived in this place, wherefore, men transport their goods and flie to *Vienna*. For the Duke of *Saxons* Forces are quartered in this Kingdome of *Bohemia*, and doe encroach day by day vpon vs. As also the *Swedish* are fallen into *Silesia* at least fiftene thousand strong, where they haue taken *Great Glogaw* of late and diuers other places of moment. Yea they haue shewed themselves in a victorious manner, even before *Breslau*. Which hath caused the Emperours forces mainly to intend against them. Who with all expedition are marching towardsthem.

His Imperiall Majestie this day, as also diuers times of late himselfe in person hath beene present in the Counsell of Warre, and with them consulted, how and by what meanes a mightie Armie may speedily be raised. To this effect the Lord *Questenburg* is speedily sent to the Duke of *Freidland*, and Commissions are graunted from his Imperiall Majestie, for the levying and raising of an hundred thousand men.

The Chancelor of the Duke of *Lunenburg*, Lord of *Enderu*, who had with him many confiscated goods in *Ellenboger* Countrey; was surprized in the night, carried away; and the said goods are restored to the former possessors.

*From Ylleben the 1. of November, 1631.*

Last weeke the Imperiall Commaunder *Bunnickhousen*, with his Cavalleries, fell vpon some of his Majestie of *Sweden* forces, and defeated them in a certaine Village where they lay. On the other side the Lieutenant Generall *Schaffman*, surpris'd three Companies of Imperiall horsemen, and vtterly defeated, yea, slew them all, some few excepted which fled into *Magdenburg*.

*From Rotenburg the 8. of November. In the Country of Franconia.*

From *Erfort* is confirmed that since his Majestie of *Sweden* hath taken the same Citie, it is exceedingly oppressed with Garrisons, more then the Citie is able to beare. Hereupon those of the Citie by their Committies, haue made humble sute to his Majestie of *Sweden*, to the end they might be eased and disburdened of so intollerable a Charge.

His Majestie intends to send his Queene thither to reside there, whom they daily expect. Others are of opinion, that the Queene shall keepe her residence in the Castle of *Wirtzburg*, which indeed is a strong and Royall Castle.

In all parts hereabouts, are levied all Souldiers that vpon any termes will beare Armes, both horsemen and foote,

Two dayes agoe we heard a great thundring of shooting. Whereupon we doe presume, that the King of *Sweden* Army, and the Generall *Tillies* Army, haue had some sore encounter neare vnto *Mergenheym*, which is very probable to be so.

*From Lausenitz the 2. of November.*

The Imperiall Garrisons in *Bautzen*, *Garlitz*, and *Sitta*, durst in no wise expect the coming of the Duke of *Saxons* Army; wherefore they haue abandoned *Lausenitz* wholly, and haue betooke themselves into *Silesia*. Which indeede happened with great confusion, in so much that they were constrained

constrained (by reason of their perplexitie) to leane the chiefe of their Ordnance at *Gorliz*.

The Prince Elector of *Saxony* his Army pursued the Imperialists, even at the heeles, and the said Imperialists were overtaken by the Saxons neare vnto *Hirschberg*. But whereas the Imperialists durst not stand to it, they were slaine by wholes troupes of them, and miserably destroyed, as doubtlesse you will ere long vnderstand by a more ample Relation.

*Out of Franconia the 9. of November.*

His Majestie as yet is resident at *Wirtzburg*, which he hath caused to be exceedingly fortified; in the night he takes vp his lodging in the Castle. Some of *Tillyes* Souldiers who are imprisoned by the *Swedish*, affirme, that there is exceeding great want in the Popish Army, both of Victualls and other provision. Whereupon the Souldiers doe faint, and let their courage sinke. They confesse that many impotent forces are aggregated confusedly together, but to no great purpose, neither in any good order. Neither are they able to furnish their Armie with Ordnance and Munition, &c. since that horrible overthrow neare vnto *Leipsich*. Especially they are weakened exceedingly, because his Majestie of *Sweden* hath taken (of late) *Wirtzburg*, and other strong places, furnished with all manner of necessaries. And doth daily proceede in his Victorious and successfull proceedings. Whereas the *Catholike League*, haue not time to consult of the maine matter, much lesse to prevent the common danger and misery, which now comes flowing vpon them in full streame, but every one hath enough to doe, to shift for his owne particular safetie.

*From Hanaw the 11. of November.*

I doubt not but you haue heard how this Citie hath beene surprized and taken by the King of *Swedens* forces. Giue me leaue briefly to relate it vnto you, if happily you are not acquainted with the manner of it.

In the morning early, *Novemb. 1.* three thousand *Swedish*

*Dragoners* ( Musquetiers on Horsebacke ) and six hundred *Cuirassiers*, came before this Citie, and entred and passed through the Kinzing gate, wherethey patarded the Gate behind the Castle, and scaled the wals, so that by these meanes they soone mastered the Old Citie. In this furious assault and expedition, onely eight Citizens and three Souldiers were slaine, besides some other hurt.

The Earle of *Hanaw*, ( notwithstanding his Countesse was then in Labour, or at least-wise newly brought to bed of a young daughter ) was presently taken in hold. And presently after assaulted the New Citie furiously, and battered vpon the same with Canon shot. Those within resolved to defend themselves to the vttermost. But being threatned with fore threats, were at last willing to come to agreement, appealed to the Earle, and required his consent, who came to them vpon the walles of the Citie, and spaketo them in the Citie, in this manner.

My faithfull and loving Citizens and Souldiers, to afford you much Counsell in this extremitie, or any assistance, I am not able, by reason I am a prisoner. Onely this I wish you to compound and make your agreement vpon the best termes you can. Which they willingly consented vnto, and did so. And those that would betake themselves into the service of his Majestie were entertained ; the rest were imprisoned. His Majestie of *Sweden* himselfe in person was not in this expedition, but is daily expected at *Hanaw*, to establish order according to his Royall Direction.

The forces of the Generall *Tilly* which were enquartered at *Hemst*, *Hoffseym*, and other places hereabout, haue abandoned their Garrison, and are fled to *Mentz*. The *Swedish* haue also taken *Fryburgh*.

As many Forces as possibly can be are raised for the *Catholicke League*, in this their extreame need, and to this end divers Officers are sent into the Land of *Liege*, to levie some Troupes.

The Arch-Duke *Leopold* is now also about to levie an Army of 20000 men. And as we are credibly enformed, the  
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Bishop of *Cullen* himselfe in person will come into the field with his new Army.

We haue tydings that the City of *Strasburgh* is agreed with the King of *Sweden*, likewise *Norinburgh*, *Ulme* and other Cities are upon termes of composition. Colonell *Reitinger* is sent to the forenamed Cities, as Commissary for his *Majestie* of *Sweden*, to agree with them as he shall finde it consonant. The same Commissary met in his journey with a Wagon full of Spirituall Persons, neare vnto the City *Vims*, all which he tooke hold of, and ransomed them afterwards for 40000 Rix-Dollars.

*From Swynfordt the 10 of November.*

Last Wednesday his *Majestie* of *Sweden* with 33 Cornets of Horse, accompanied with diuers Earles, and other great Lords and Peeres, departed from *Wurtsburgh*, and is directly gone to the Army newly leui'd neere vnto the City *Carelstadt*, by the River *Mayne*, there to adjoyne his Troupes with them.

His *Majestie* tooke along with him from this place, 4 Companies, and as many as he could well spare from some other places, by reason he had information that the *Imperiall Forces* were speedily marching toward *Carelstadt*, against the sayd new raised Army. They are already come neere vnto *Niewstadt*, and *Rotten*, where doubtlesse when they meete, something will be effected.

This City, as likewise the Castle of *Wurtsburgh* is much fortified. His *Majestie* causeth a new Army of 40000 men to be raised, to which end, both here, and in all the adjoyning Countries the Drummes beate, and the Trumpets doe sound continually.

In the mean while tis a great misery that befalls these Countries, and none without pittie or compassion can either behold or heare of the ruines in these Parts. Men haue heavy taxations laid vpon them, and great contributions must be paid; but especially by the Clergy, which causeth both Laity and Clergy to abandon their residence, which is pillaged  
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and spoyled by the Souldiers in their absence.

Newly we received tydings that the whole *Vaunt-guard* of the *Cavallerie* of Generall *Altringer* is vtterly defeated, and many of them slaine. Infomuch that no lesse then 6. Cornets were brought and presented to his *Maiestie* of *Sweden*, we shall acquaint you with the particulars the very next occasion.

*From Torgau the 9 of November.*

The *Imperialists* not daring to abide the Encounter with the *Saxon Forces*, haue quite left and forsaken the six Cities in *Lusazia*, and are fled into *Bohemia* and *Silesia*, there if they can to defend those Countries.

Since that an Ambassador from his *Imperiall Maiestie* with a great traine of followers is arrived at *Dresden*, with very friendly and patheticall moving Letters to our Prince Elector of *Saxonie*, which Letters sound to this effect, as namely, That it never was his *Imperiall Maiesties* intention or will, to make the incursion into *Saxonie*, and that he for his part, hath no other cause (but after great experience) to be wellaffured of his *Maiesties* favour and loue: Knowing what a friend his *Imperiall Maiestie* hath beene to him, infomuch, that he could not expect any enmitie at his hands, onely if he would be pleased to lay downe, and abandon his Armes. But since our Elector of *Saxonie* sufficiently knowes his *Imperiall Maiesties* disposition, by woefull prooffe and experience, especially since matters are now come to this high passe, the Duke of *Saxonie* will not trust to his coloured protestations, but earnestly adde further proceedings to their good beginnings, and leaue the issue to the *Almightie*.

*From Leypzich the 12 of November.*

His Highnesse of *Saxonie* at this present is at *Bautzen* in person, but his chiefe Army is in *Bohemia*. The *Swedish* of *Crossen* in *Silesia*, haue taken great *Glogau*, and slaine all the Souldiers there that made any opposition.

It is most certaine, that 12000 *Swedish* more are now speedily marching to his *Maiestie* about *Wurtsburgh*, to augment his *Maiesties* Army.

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*From Brunſwick the 13. of November.*

A few dayes agoe the Garrison of *Rosſtock* came before this City, and required 4. dayes proviſion. Which by the Magiſtracy of the City was reſuſed: they profeſſed that they would cleave cloſe to the Concluſion made at the Dyet at *Leyptſch*.

To the ſame Guariſon are adjoyued eleven Companies more, whether they will now tend will ere long appear.

The Earle of *Gransfeld* is now leuying of an Army in *Weſſphalia*. He is come into the Biſhopricke of *Minden* with the Regiment of *Erwitz*.

The Commander *Bavinghouſen* Colonell of the aforeſayd 14. troupes of horſe, (beſides the Garrifons of *Magdenburgh* and *Wolfenbuttle*) hath brought againe all places unto *Halberſtadt* under Contribution, and thoſe that will not contribute, he puts them to fire and ſword. He hath alſo ſorely threatened *Halberſtadt*, but whereas divers troupes of Swediſh are newly come thither, he will availle but little with his enterpriſe. The ſame Commander hath pillaged 14. Wagons laden with good Commodities going from *Hamburgh* to *Leyptzig*.

*From Brême the 17. of November.*

Our Biſhop cauſeth all poſſible ſtrength to be brought together, to extirpate *Tillyes* forces out of theſe quarters, he hath already incorporated two places. And as it is reported, the Garrifon of *Staden* hath againe taken *Boysenburgh*, and *Lauwenburgh*.

*From Cölln the 16. of November.*

Six hundred of Swediſh Horſemen, marched

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neare unto *Frankfort* the 13. of this Moneth. These in passing by related, that whereas the Imperialists had utterly abandoned *Lusatia*, that the D. of *Saxony* hath taken the 6. Cities in those Countries, and so is marched forward toward *Bohemia*. Letters from *Leipsig* affirme the same, and moreover that he is now Master of, and hath subdued the whole Country *Limaria*, and is come within some 7. Miles from *Prague*, and hath taken the City *Litmaria*. Which hath a bridge over the River *Elbe*, so that now there is no more resistance but onely a plaine open way to the City of *Prague*. The old Earle of *Thurne* and divers other Dutch Lords, have adjoynd their strength to them.

The Protestant Peeres have willingly contributed in the Conclusion at the Dyet at *Leipsich* as here followeth.

<i>Strasbourg.</i>	_____	279000.	} <i>Gilders.</i>
<i>Nuremberg.</i>	_____	478800.	
<i>Worms.</i>	_____	065560.	
<i>Wirtzburg.</i>	_____	043720.	
<i>Lindow.</i>	_____	029760.	
<i>Nordlingen.</i>	_____	054600.	
<i>Swabish Hall.</i>	_____	098443.	
<i>Heylbrunn.</i>	_____	644800.	
<i>Ulm.</i>	_____	179000.	
<i>Muenningen.</i>	_____	051163.	
<i>Kempten.</i>	_____	048360.	
<i>Rosenburgh on the Tauber.</i>	_____	011780.	
<i>Speinfurt.</i>	_____	054880.	
<i>Wirtzenbeym.</i>	_____	052080.	
<i>Weissenburg.</i>	_____	031000.	
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From *Eger* in *Bohemia*, the 5. of *November*.

Here is great flight in this Kingdome from all parts.

parts, and men tremble for very feare, because the Swedish fall furiously into all places, and have already conquered many brave Lordships and strong places. It is also most certaine, that *Loathims* Valley is taken by the Swedish.

The Landgrave of *Hoffens* forces have made short worke in *Paterborne*, where they found but small resistance. Some Spanish troupes are passed by *Duyren*, and are marched towards the Palatinate. Those of *Mentz* have taken into their City 4. Spanish Companies, and have enquartered some troupes in *Ringow*.

From Bergen-up-zoom the 13. of November.

From *Ammerpeis* is written, that 3. Turkish men of warre from *Algiers*, were fallen into *Ireland*, and from thence carried away captive 1500. men, which they thought to have brought into *Algiers*, & sold them: but 12. Dunkerke men of warre met them by the way, and after a long fight sinke two of the Turkish men of warre, and tooke 6. more, and threw all the Pyrates overboard, so that the *frish* are all rescued from slavery, and landed againe in *Ireland*. Which we must expect some confirmation of, before we assure it true.

Antwerp the 17. of November. 1631.

For newes, by the Letters come this day from Germany: some men have writt from *Norimbergh*, that the Duke of *Saxony*s forces should have taken in *Prague*, it doth agree with that one writteth me from *Hambrough*, how that the D. of *Saxony* with his whole Army was entring into *Bohemia*, and was within 7. leagues of *Prague*, (it should seeme Count *Thurne* was the leader of them) the King of *Sweden* continues in his late conquered places, where he makes himselfe strong, and gathers in great con-

tributions in the Townes and Countries thereabouts ; *Tilly* hath a great number of men, but most of them unexperienced in warres : the King hath sent the Count of *Solms* into *Frankfort*, to have their present resolution, whether they will take in his souldiers to Garrison ; *Tilly* hath sent one to them to perswaded them to take in the Emperors Souldiers, they would be happy if they could refuse both and remaine neutrall and friend to both ; but it seemes they must resolve the one or the other ; judge you in what a predicament they live, for they would faine hold with the strongest, and that is doubtfull, so long as they have both strong Armies in the field : It should seeme, that the Bishop of *Breime* takes time while time is, and begins to put the Emperors Souldiers out of his Iurisdiction. Many doe write that the neather Circle of *Saxony*, will have 12000. men in the field, and the *Hance* Townes like to Arme them ; so that by all appearance this next Summer all *Germany* will be up in Armes: for particular fightings, many write of many, but they are farre from hence, and therefore forbear to write of any of them : It should seeme the *French* are already marching towards *Italy*, they say to put into Garrison ; I doe believe so till the next Spring, and then will show their intents ; for there is a generall opinion they will joyne with *Savoy*, and the next Spring goe into *Italy*: and make a pretended warre against *Germany*, and get *Milaine* if they can ; the next yeare is like to be bloody, God send a good peace to prevent so great a bloudshed as is like to be.

*Extrall of another Letter of the 18. of  
November. 1631.*

**B**Y Gods assistance the old Count of *Thurn*, commanding some *Swedish* forces and seconded by some troups of the Elector of *Saxony*, and accompanied with many Bohemian Lords and Noble-men, that by the Emperour were banished, tooke without any opposition the Metropolitan City of *Prage*, of whose coming as soone as the Governour of the Castle and the other of the Towne had notice, they both with many more chiefe Ministers and Officers had no mind to stay for that Earle his coming, but saved themselves by flight.

They were followed by many Iesuites, Fryars and Priests, who all went towards *Passau* and into *Austria*. The Duke of *Fridland* (*Walsern*) did indeed shew great displeasure at their flight. But soone after he himselfe and *Don Balthazar* (who commands all the milice and garisons in Bohemia) faining as if they would goe forth to meeete and parly with the said Earle of *Thurne*, they were no sooner out of towne but went also away as fast as they could towards *Budweis*. Therefore some of the Swedish Army joyning with many Bohemians, who are glad of so good an opportunity to free themselves againe from the insupportable yoke, both their consciences and goods are under, doe follow them, to hinder them to make any considerable Army. Almost all Townes doe openly reioyce and declare for them, and so all *Bohemia* doth make a generall insurrection, in manner, that wheresoever the people meetes with an Imperiall souldier, or whom they doe but suspect to be an Imperialist, they presently knocke him downe.

And how this new conquest doth please the Duke  
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of *Bavaria* and the Emperour himselfe, may well be supposed. The said Duke of *Bavaria* being ready with about 12. thousand men to draw and march towards the Papists Army (for the Imperiall and Leaguish are ioyned into one, and *Tilly* doth no more appeare alive) when the newes of *Bohemia* did caute him to make a stand and to take new Counsell. This we understand for certaine, &c.

*Out of another Letter the 14. of November.*

I Doe not doubt but you have heard that the Count of *Thurne* hath delivered againe both *Prague* and many other parts and places of *Bohemia* from the oppression they have sithed under these many yeres. I hope to send you by the next more particularities thereof.

Meanewhile I will tell you, that a friend of mine writes to me, that Generall *Tilly* fell so sicke the very day of his overthrow before *Leipsich*, that ever since all the skill of Surgeons and Physitions could not keepe him alive. And so I am sure that hee is dead, but I cannot (as yet) tell you when and where he dyed.

The Roman Catholike Army, lying still for the most part betwixt the *Rhine* and the King of *Sweden*, doe by insursions now and then great hurt thereabout, not against their Enemies, but onely upon the poore people, burning spoiling and sacking all whether they can come. For there is no discipline, nor order, nor Religion amongst them. They have lately taken some places (of no strength) in the Marquisat of *Onspach*, and the very towne of *Onspach*; yea they are not content to burne and rob the houses and the poore Countrey-people, but they have opened the Monuments and Sepulchers of the Princes and Marquises

quises of *Brandenburgh*, that governed at *Onspach*, and there robbed the dead and abused the corpses, which some *Fialanders* understanding swore to revenge, saying; they were but sorry to have to deale with such as durst shew no courage against them, but were onely fit to rob and boast against the dead Lyons, whom they never dare looke in the faces whilist they are alive; And that they being fitt for the gallows then for an Army, they hoped to meet them once againe as they had lately done in their quarter neare *Leypsch*, where *Tilly* had chosen his quarter due to his robbers, and where they receiued their reward.

Landgrave *William* of *Hessen* being come backe againe out of *Paderborn* to *Fulda*, hath brought with him thither many principall and Noble-men of that Bishoprick, as hostages, untill all the contributions agreed upon shall be payd.

*Bannier* (who is now Generall commanding a Swedish Army in the Countrey of *Magdenburgh*) hath blocked up the said Citty, so that it is hoped he will bring the same againe into the former liberty and deliver it from the Cruell Vsurpatours.

*From Antwerp the 27. of November:*

This Instant there is a good friend of ours come from *Franckford* post in 3. dayes, who confirms the taking of *Hanaw*, and sayth that for certaine, *Prague* is taken, with all the Citties Townes and places thereabouts, by the Duke of *Saxony*. And the King of Swedlands forces are marched from *Hanaw* to *Franckford*, which undoubtedly must also yeeld unto him, in fine the King of Swedland is very victorious and in all possibility to conquer all *Germany*, and the Empire: when I have any more newes, I will not faile to participate it unto you.

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